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SUBJECT: ECG AND FRANCE- MEETING OF THE NINE

REF: EC BRUSSELS 5106

1. GEORGES BRONDEL, EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR HYDROCARBONS, TOLD MISSION OFFICERS JULY 16 THAT HE BELIEVED FRANCE WAS NOW FIRMLY COMMITTED TO A COMMON EC ENERGY POLICY AND WOULD ACCEPT ALMOST ANY INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION AS LONG AS THE NINE SPOKE AS A GROUP. BRONDEL CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MEETING OF THE EC ENERGY COMMITTEE IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 17 (REFTEL), AT WHICH ECG CHAIRMAN DAVIGNON WILL TABLE THE IEP PROPOSAL, MAY PROVE TO BE INCONCLUSIVE ON
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THIS SUBJECT. BRONDEL BELIEVES FINAL AGREEMENT IS MORE LIKELY

TO BE REACHED ON THIS POINT AT THE EC COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 22-23. COMMENT: BRONDEL'S FLAT STATEMENT ABOUT FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ANY INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT GOES FARTHER THAN OTHER INDICATIONS WE HAVE HAD OF THE FRENCH POSITION. HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF HIS SOURCE. HE MAY HAVE BEEN TALKING TO ENERGY PEOPLE WHO MAY BE LESS DOGMATIC ABOUT INSTITUTIONS THAN EITHER THE QUAI OR L'ELYSEE. END COMMENT.

2. BRONDEL IS VERY INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE DETAILS OF THE IEP AND QUIZZED MISSION OFFICERS. BRONDEL AND FERNAND SPAAK, EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY, ARE THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE MOST INVOLVED WITH THE IEP, AND THE MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THEM TO BE REGULARLY BRIEFED BY A US MEMBER OF ECG DEL AT BRUSSELS MEETING. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT, MISSION REQUESTS NAMES OF US PARTICIPANTS AND PROPOSED TIME SO WE CAN SET UP A MEETING DURING THE JULY 29-30 PERIOD. GREENWALD

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